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CROP SUMMARY FOR THE WEEK ENDING May 26, 2013

Special Note

NASS Survey Update!

In the first two weeks of June, NASS will interview producers and survey tracts of farm land across the United States to gather information that will set the foundation for estimates during the upcoming forecast season. Additionally, we will ask hog producers about their inventories and farrowing intentions for the next six months. The information will help producers, suppliers, traders, buyers, and others make informed business decisions. The results will be available beginning June 28 in the *Acreage* and other reports. **Farmers should watch for their surveys and be sure to respond. Your information matters!**

NEW MEXICO: Alfalfa conditions ranged from poor to excellent; first cutting 52% complete. Cotton 75% planted. Corn 58% planted and 25% emerged. Sorghum was 5% planted. Winter wheat was mostly very poor; with 58% headed; 46% grazed. Peanuts 27% planted. Lettuce conditions were mostly good; 81% harvested. Chile conditions were mostly fair; 95% planted. Onion conditions were mostly fair to excellent; 3% harvested. Pecan conditions were mostly good; Nut set 2% light and 98% average. Cattle conditions were mostly fair. Sheep conditions were ranged from very poor to good. Range and pasture conditions were mostly very poor. Days suitable for fieldwork were 7.0. Topsoil moisture was 73% very short, 21% short and 6% adequate. Wind damage was 15% light, 8% moderate and 1% severe; with cotton 7% damaged, winter wheat 66% damaged and onions 13% damaged. Freeze damage was 1% light and 2% moderate; with winter wheat 56% damaged and onions 12% damaged.

Additional Comments: De Baca/Guadalupe: Rangeland pastures are in dire need of some rain - very dry conditions. Ranchers are culling herds further as rangeland grass availability deteriorates due to prolonged drought. County reports of some livestock water wells weakening due to minimal rainfall recharging of water tables. Lea: High winds no rain. Resembles the Dust Bowl era only I get to see it in color! Lincoln: Very dry rangelands, many having to sell cattle. Taos: Cold temperatures, strong winds, and no precipitation continue to increase ongoing dry conditions to crop/grazing lands.

SOIL MOISTURE PERCENTAGES

	Very Short	Short	Adequate	Surplus
Northwest	66	33	1	-
Northeast	83	17	-	-
Southwest	73	2	25	-
Southeast	76	24	-	-
State Current	73	21	6	-
State-Last Week	83	16	1	-
State-Last Year	59	32	9	-
State-5-Yr Avg.	40	35	25	-

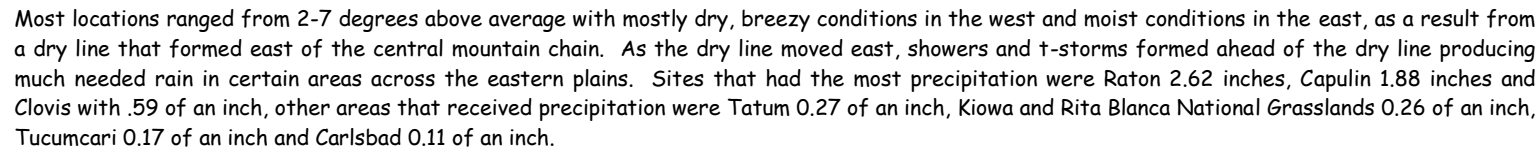
CROP PROGRESS PERCENTAGES WITH COMPARISONS

Crop	Stage	This Week	Last Week	Last Year	5-Year Average
Alfalfa	1st cut	52	50	99	91
Chile	Planted	95	93	99	98
Corn	Emerged	25	18	34	48
Corn	Planted	58	50	84	86
Cotton	Planted	75	60	92	90
Lettuce	Hvstd	81	57	80	92
Peanuts	Planted	27	24	35	47
Sorghum	Planted	5	3	27	28
W Wheat	Grazed	46	46	71	-
W Wheat	Headed	58	44	99	97

CROP AND LIVESTOCK CONDITION PERCENTAGES

Crop	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
Alfalfa	1	11	35	39	14
Chile	-	2	59	24	15
Lettuce	11	-	-	56	33
Onion	-	-	31	46	23
Pecan	-	1	38	61	-
Winter Wheat	65	6	22	7	-
Cattle	11	29	51	9	-
Sheep	29	27	36	8	-

Weather Summary



(T) Trace (-) No Report (*) Correction - All reports based on preliminary data. Precipitation data corrected monthly from official.